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FUEL, CLOTHING SHORTAGE SLOW PLOWING -- Borba, No 243, 12 Oct 49

A shortage of fuel has restricted or halted the activity of the farmmachinery stations in many localities. At the Crvenka state farm, for example, 20 tractors were idle for several days. The stations in Sombor also were unable to operate their tractors.

Many stations have not received their fuel supplies or have only enough on hand for a short time. Those in the Vojvodina, for example, have only half as much fuel as they need. The fuel shortage threatens to prevent the fulfillment of the autumn deep-plowing plan throughout Serbia. Sufficient quantities of oil and other fuels have been surplied to the Ministry of Agriculture by the Federal Planning Commission, but the Economic Council is not always informed by the Ministry when shortages occur.

Night work requires warm clothing and footwear for the tractor operators. The operators in Sremska Mitrovica worked at night until a few days ago, but stopped when the weather grew cold, because they did not have proper shoes.

MAJOR POWER MET UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Borba, No 236, 4 Oct 49

The Vlasina hydroelectric power plant system is one of the major undertakings of the Five-Year Plan. Three large dams, four power plants, and 183 kilometers of tunnel are being built in a 40-kilometer line extending from the reservoir on the site of the present Vlasina Swamp.

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Work on this net began 3 years ago. Two and a half years will be required to fill the reservoir so that the power plant can operate normally. The Vlasina and its tributaries, the Strvna and the Cemernik, will all be diverted to feed the reservoir.

The first power plant, which will have four turbines, will be the largest in the net. The water will flow to this first plant through a tunnel, and, after being used there, will be carried to the second in pipes. Along the way water from the Vria River and its tributaries will be carried on to the third and fourth power plants in the same way. The Romanovska, Bozica, and Masurinska rivers will also contribute water to the net. A gravitational canal will obviste the use of dams and pumps to carry the water to the power plants.

The new power plants will deliver 190 million kilowatt-hours per year to factories, mines, and houses.

This net is the first of its kind to be built in Yugoslavia.

TO FINISH POWER PLANTS THIS YEAR -- Borba, No 225, 21 Sep 49 and Politika, No 13363, 8 Oct 49

Six kilomaters from Kolasin, deep in the Bjelasica Mountains, 200 volunteers from the People's Front and 200 regular workers are building the hydroelectric power plant on the Musovica Rijeka (River). This power plant will supply electric power to the large wood industry combine at Mojkovac and will light many Montenegrin villages.

At the source of the kusovica River a dam and a tunnel 1,400 meters long are being built. Water from a canal will fall upon the turbines from a height of 160 meters.

Work on the power plant began in March and will be finished in December. The plant will be in operation by the end of 1949. It will generate 6,600 kilowatts of electricity.

POWER-LINE COMPLETED EARLY -- Borba, No 244, 13 Oct 49

The new high-tension power line which connects the rural hydroelectric power plants with the rest of the Slovenian electric power net via Cerkno has been completed ahead of schedule. The line is over 80 kilometers long. Near Cerkno it reaches a height of 800 meters above sea level. Special reads, bridges, and primitive ropeways had to be built before the poles could be set up, and large sections of forest had to be cut.

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